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United Nations University

The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the United Nations University,

Having considered the report of the Council of the United Nations University,[1] as presented by the Rector of the University on 31 October 2000, and the report of the Secretary-General on the University,[2]

Expressing its deep appreciation for the voluntary contributions made to date by Governments and other public and private entities in support of the University,

Noting with satisfaction that 2000 marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the initiation of the University's programmes and that during these years the University has developed a distinctive identity within the United Nations system and the international academic and scientific community,

1. *Takes note with appreciation* of the steps taken by the Council and the Rector of the University to promote the work and the visibility of the University, particularly among Member States, the United Nations and its agencies, through such measures as organizing a series of public forums for the purpose of disseminating the results of its research, and requests them to further intensify such efforts, particularly by making use of information and communication technologies;

2. *Welcomes* the adoption by the University Council of the "Strategic Plan, 2000: Advancing Knowledge for Human Security and Development", which has a programmatic focus on research, policy studies, capacity-building and dissemination of information on two thematic areas, peace and governance and environment and sustainable development, in line with the priority concerns of the United Nations;

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 31* (A/55/31).
[2] A/55/412.

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3. *Also welcomes* the contribution made by the University to the work of the United Nations both in intergovernmental processes, including United Nations global conferences, and in analytical work, and requests the Rector to intensify his efforts to extend the University's policy-studies programme;

4. *Further welcomes* the progress made by the University in improving interaction and communication between the University and the rest of the United Nations system noted in the report of the Secretary-General on the University,[2] requests the Rector to intensify his efforts in this regard, and also requests the Secretary-General to encourage other parts of the United Nations system to improve their interaction and communication with the University in order that the University may serve as a think-tank for the United Nations system;

5. *Requests* the Secretary-General, in this connection, to continue his consideration of innovative measures to improve interaction and communication between the University and other relevant bodies of the United Nations system and to ensure that the work of the University is taken into account in all relevant activities of the system, in the light of General Assembly resolution 53/194 of 15 December 1998, so that the United Nations system may draw more extensively upon the work of the University, and to submit a report thereon to the Assembly at its fifty-seventh session;

6. *Welcomes* the progress made in the participation of the University in the work of the Administrative Committee on Coordination, and encourages the University to take an active role so that it may better understand and respond to the needs of the United Nations system as it carries out its work;

7. *Also welcomes* the initiative taken by the University, together with the United Nations Office at Geneva, in bringing together United Nations research entities, and invites the Secretary-General to use these annual meetings to develop greater synergy among them and between them and other parts of the United Nations system;

8. *Takes note* of the important ongoing cooperation between the University and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, in particular in the follow-up activities to the World Conference on Higher Education, held in Paris on 5 October 1998, the preparation of the *World Water Development Report* and the initiation of the programme on dialogue among civilizations;

9. *Recognizes* the importance of creating linkages, collaboration and cooperation with other research institutions and universities around the world in order to facilitate the exchange of experience and best practices;

10. *Emphasizes* the continuing need of the University to strengthen the capacity of scholarly and scientific institutions in developing countries by extending its capacity-building programmes and through innovative partnerships and networking, involving the United Nations system, academic entities, professional associations, private sector bodies and other elements of civil society that will bring additionality to the work of the University;

11. *Requests* the University to broaden the reach of its dissemination activities, using innovative methods, including new information and communication technologies, to ensure that the knowledge developed by the University is made available to all those to whom it may be of benefit;

12. *Requests* the Council and the Rector, taking into account the previous resolutions and the report of the Joint Inspection Unit on the University,[3] to continue to make further efforts to ensure the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of the activities of the University, as well as its financial transparency and accountability, to intensify efforts to augment its Endowment Fund and to find innovative ways to mobilize operating contributions and other programme and project support;

13. *Invites* the international community to make voluntary contributions to the University, including its research and training centres and programmes, and in particular to its Endowment Fund.

[3] See A/53/392.